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# THE BULLETIN

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## DRAMATIC CLUB CHRISTMAS PLAY

### "WHY THE CHIMES RANG" TO BE GIVEN WEDNESDAY IN AUDITORIUM

On Wednesday, December 17, the Dramatic Club will present its second one-act play of the year, a Christmas play called, "Why the Chimes Rang," by Elizabeth McFadden. The performance will take place in the auditorium during assembly period. "Why the Chimes Rang" has been successfully offered in many colleges and secondary schools, and is sure to be enjoyable.

The play is under the direction of Miss Ethel Tainter, and will be given with the following cast: Holger, a peasant boy, Miss Catherine Dunham; Steen, his younger brother, Miss Hulda Sirjord; Bertel, their uncle, Marvin Rice; an old woman, Mable Game. There are also a group of characters who appear in the pageant, but who do not speak.

The plot concerns the peasant boys and their uncle, in a hut at the edge of the forest on Christmas eve; and a legend concerning the chimes of a great church nearby. The two boys want to go to the cathedral to see the gifts that are laid on the altar for the Christ Child. Their uncle tells them of the story that the chimes will not ring until the perfect gift is laid on the altar. Following this spoken portion of the play, the wall of the hut fades into the brilliantly lighted altar of the church and one sees a procession of persons bringing gifts.

Special music and lighting are used to make the scene at the altar doubly effective, and the efforts of the club next Wednesday are sure to be appreciated. The music is under Mr. Preston's charge.

### PROGRESS ON THE PRAECEPTOR

Work on The Praeceptor of 1925 is proceeding at a brisk and satisfactory pace, according to members of the staff. It was found impossible to let engraving and printing contracts to local firms owing to the prohibitive prices, and St. Paul firms received the contracts in each case. The printing is being done by the McGill-Warner Co. of St. Paul; engraving by Buckbee-Mears Co., also of St. Paul. Both firms are specialists in annual publications.

The seniors have responded nobly to the call for pictures, and if it were not

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## BASKETBALL

Seven letter men and fifteen others responded to Coach Nemzek's first call for basketball candidates December 2. Prospects seem bright for a strong 1925 quint, as promising material is very much in evidence and some of the old men will have to work hard for their places. Handicapped seriously by lack of a suitable gymnasium, nevertheless M. S. T. C. should be able to present a strong lineup. The chief work of the first three weeks will be on the fundamentals of basketball; pivoting, dribbling, passing. Some scrimmage has been gone thru each day, and early crudities are beginning to iron themselves out.

Competition in the conference this year will be keen and all the games on the schedule will be thrillers. From the appearance of the schedule it is easy to see that Moorhead will have to reach top form and keep it thruout every game in order to repeat her performance of taking the conference football championship. The schedule, as yet incomplete, is as follows: Jan. 16, Concordia; Jan. 22, Ellendale Normal, there; Jan. 23, Jamestown College, there; Jan. 24, Valley City Teachers, there; Jan. 31, Wahpeton Science, here; Feb. 7, Valley City Teachers, here; Feb. 14, Jamestown College, here; Feb. 21, Wahpeton Science, there.

### BURMESTER RECITAL

An exceptionally fine program was rendered Tuesday evening in the auditorium when Willy Burmester, German violinist, appeared as the third number of the lyceum course. The style in which Mr. Burmester mastered the difficult Brahms Sonata A Major was appreciated by those who know the characteristics of Brahms. Brilliancy of technique was the outstanding feature of the Mendelssohn Concerto in E Minor. Burmester's playing in this part of the program was especially noteworthy for the remarkable truthfulness of the double stopping, always a difficult piece of execution.

The last group on the program consisted of seven numbers, including a serenade of his own composing which he was obliged to repeat. Mr. Burmester's bow technique was especially admired in these lighter and more popular numbers, especially in the Gypsy Dance of Sarasate, filled with difficult spicatto work. After much coaxing on the part of the listeners he played the ever-popular Traumerei of Schumann as a final encore.—R. P.

## SENIOR THESPIANS LAY PLANS

### "SHERWOOD" by ALFRED NOYES CHOSEN by CLASS PLAY COMMITTEE

Something is in the air. It overhangs the corridors and gathering places of the college; it even pervades the solemn atmosphere of the class room. The young lady students beckon one another as they flutter up and down the flights of stairs, and the future "profs" button-hole their associates, even having the temerity to make queries of members of the august faculty. What can it be that creates this strained attitude, this feeling of suspense? Ah, the truth is out. Having its origin in the speech of some enlightened individual, it has spread like the news of the latest marriage throughout the entire school, gathering force as it progresses until it is acclaimed with shouts from every corner and recess of the college buildings, and echoed back from the dormitories and student residences of Moorhead. The Class Play!

The initial steps have now been taken, and a class play committee has been selected, consisting of Misses Hall, Sontag, and Dommer, and Messrs. Eininger, Doleman, and Ballard. This committee, acting upon the recommendation of Miss Tainter, has selected "Robin Hood," by Alfred Noyes, as the vehicle for the class' dramatic efforts. You remember the story of this merry outlaw, who haunted Sherwood forest, and killed the king's deer? This play has been given before at this college with the greatest success, and many demands have been made for its repetition.

Already, on the face of each individual in the student body can easily be seen the determination to give the production of "Robin Hood" the enthusiastic support and ready aid that will make the 1925 Class Play a success.

### Y. W. C. A. TO PACK CHRISTMAS BOX

The Y. W. C. A. is going to pack a Christmas box for some children in Moorhead. This box is to be financed by contributions from Y. W. members in the form of a gift for one of the children or money which will be used in the purchase of some gift. We are asking that the Y. W. C. A. girls interested in helping this project along should leave their contributions with

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## THE BULLETIN

A weekly newspaper published every Friday by the students and faculty of the State Teachers College of Moorhead, Minnesota

### STAFF to be SELECTED

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Advice is the cheapest and easiest of commodities, the most difficult to put to any good use. Advice so old that it is very new (most really new things are very, very old) is the advice given by that wisest of the Greeks, Socrates, to "know thyself." This stimulating old man was forever admonishing those who gathered about him to scrutinize themselves. The essence of the Socratic method, which many educators in our own day try gallantly to follow, is this invitation to a stern self-examination. Socrates was a disturber of pleasant illusions and was at length condemned by the conservatives of his day but his method and advice remain as golden as they were in ancient Athens. True, enemies of the method protest with some justice that it ends in complete negation, but we need not for our purposes assume so pessimistic a view. The "know thyself" admonition is as relevant to groups as to individuals, and there is no group more interesting, more shot through with color and possibilities of greatness and pettiness than that body known rather vaguely as the "student body." And do we know ourselves? It is exactly at this point that the college newspaper steps forward and says, "Take me to your heart; make a place for me in your plans. I will tell you about yourself from week to week; I will add zest to college life; I will offer entertainment and knowledge to the many, hard work and fine rewards to a few. I will supply a meeting ground for opinions, a show place for the conceit and vanities, the sincere efforts and triumphs of the college. I am the college newspaper. Do you want me to come and stay on this campus?"

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for the few who procrastinate, the staff would have reason to congratulate itself on the progress made. A few cuts remaining to be handed in are still holding up the senior section, and if those concerned would realize that a day's delay now means a week's delay in the delivery of the book, they would rush the cuts to the staff faster than the dormitories are vacated on a free night.

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Louise Erstad, president, or Mildred Hough, chairman of the World Fellowship Committee.

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Next Thursday evening at 8:15 the Chapel Choir will present its annual Christmas Cantata. J. H. Maunders' "Bethlehem" is the vehicle for the first production of this musical organization, and the concert will be given free to community and students. The Chapel Choir is the only musical organization in school in which membership is open to any student. The Christmas cantata has been in preparation thruout the fall term, and the plan is to present one fine work in public each term, tho the primary purpose of the group is to teach good singing. The College Orchestra will accompany the chorus, assisting solo-

ists will be Mrs. Charles Page, soprano; Mr. David DeHaven, tenor; Mr. Oscar Martinson, baritone; Mr. Walter Wright, bass.

### HOOKING THE PUBLIC

Only another and perhaps more clever means of hooking the public was the two enormous rummage sales held in our midst the past week. The Kappa Pi and Y. W. C. A. linked arms in a pre-holiday gift sale. The members of these two worthy organizations believe in packing early to avoid the rush (they have all been hanging onto suitcases for the past week). After filling their various telescopes, bandboxes, overnight bags and suitcases away past the bulging stage they decided to sell everything which could not be packed. Thus a very funny assortment of gifts was promenaded, everything from a toothbrush to a shoe tree (quite useless, you see) was there. Nevertheless much credit is due these people for they managed to get more money out of the study body than anyone ever thought they possessed (we all agree they must have money for none is ever handed out). Reports are not final but the latest word received was that thousands were realized.

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## The Clever Collegian

### SONG OF THE TOILERS

Let the grinds cheer for education  
As over their books they pore;  
We'll study enough to make the grade,  
And not an atom more.

Copying, bluffing, and stalling,  
Onward through school we go.  
We love to step 'neath a moonlit sky  
Or take in a Fargo show.

The midnight oil is all a fake,  
And Lambda Sig is the same;  
A jolly good time is the track we'll make  
On the shifting sands of fame.

### Androcles and the Lion.

Wendell: Mr. Leasure, I think the men in your mechanical drawing class swear far too much.

Mr. Leasure: You don't know a — (deleted by censor) thing about swearing. Why, when I was over in Africa—

We commend to your kind attention the young lady who, being asked by Miss Leonard as to the varieties of the gay subject of trigonometry, replied without batting an eye, and even with some degree of assurance, "Plain and fancy, if you please."

### This Demands Some Attention.

Jack (returning from the Isis): No, it wasn't such a bad movie, but I really don't care for these Fargo shows any more. When I was down to the Minnesota-Illinois game I saw so many really good shows that I rather lost my taste for this small-town stuff.

### The Flowers That Bloom in the Spring Tra-la!

Without seeming to be impertinent (we are nothing unless shy and retiring) may we suggest that the attempt to lay deep plans for turning the grassy lawns of this campus into a cross-word puzzle next spring by the simple expedient of staying strictly away from the sidewalks this fall is something "less honoured in the breach than the observance."

PROGRAM FOR TUESDAY: THE MEN'S GLEE CLUB WILL SING, "OH, WILL THERE BE ANY BARS IN MY TOWN?"

### Yes, Harlow Is Capable of It.

Harlow, reading headline, "Prince's Suit for Coin Lost." Imagine a guy having a suit just for his coin.

### A Very Common Ailment.

Gladys: Oh, I'm so afraid of small-pox.

Marie: But I thought fascination would prevent it.

Little Harold went to sleep  
In an iron bed.  
He really died before he woke,  
But doesn't know he's dead.

### This One Is Swiped.

We urge, as the unanimous choice of all sport writers and critics for a place on the All-American eleven, in the back-field, that sterling athlete, Hunchback of Notre Dame.—F. Roger, C. C.

To put it gently, not to speak it profanely as our friend Hamlet the Dane remarked, we are in need of contributions for this illuminating (no, we do not mean lit-up) column. Loosen up with that wise crack, shoot us that nifty, to put it in the patois of the halls. A box in the lower hall will joyfully receive all your offerings.

FOR A LAST LINE SOMEBODY SUGGESTS, THE BULLETIN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE BULLET. NOT SO BAD. WE'LL LET IT RIDE.

## College Calendar

### Friday, Dec. 12—

11:05, General Assembly; 3:15, Dramatic Club, room 36; 8:00, Camp Fire Christmas Party; 8:00, Dramatic Club Christmas Party.

### Saturday, Dec. 13—

8:30, Pi Mu Phi Winter Term Party, Domestic Science Rooms.

### Sunday, Dec. 14—

3:30, Camp Fire Christmas Ceremony, Wheeler Hall.

### Monday, Dec. 15—

2:25, Chapel Choir, Auditorium; 3:15, Althaia Literary Society, room 35; 6:45, Y. W. C. A., Auditorium.

### Tuesday, Dec. 16—

8:20, Dramatic Club, room 36; 3:15, College Orchestra, Auditorium.

### Wednesday, Dec. 17—

10:10, General Assembly, Dramatic Club Christmas Performance; 1:30, Kappa Pi, Kindergarten Rooms; 6:30, Annual Christmas Dinner, Comstock Hall.

### Thursday, Dec. 18—

9:15, Chapel Choir, Auditorium; 8:00, All-College Christmas Program, Auditorium, Cantata with Choir and Orchestra.

### Friday, Dec. 19—

11:05, General Assembly; evening, Owl Fraternity Dinner Dance; Noon, Christmas recess begins. School reopens Jan. 6.

## SOCIAL

Miss Ethel Tainter will entertain the members of the Dramatic Club at a Christmas Party at her apartment, 611 Eighth St. So., at eight o'clock.

Pi Mu Phi held its formal initiation on Golden Rule Sunday at the home of Hope Bertelson in Fargo. Very light refreshments of tea and wafers were served, and the money that might have been spent was given to the Near East Relief. The sorority is holding its winter term party in the Domestic Science Rooms tomorrow evening.

President R. B. MacLean has spent the last nine days travelling over the state on educational business. Miss Leonard, together with the president, was present at the meeting of the executive committee of the M. E. A. in the Cities Saturday. President MacLean attended a meeting of teachers' college presidents with the state board; visited the state college at Winona; and spent some time on the Range, at Buhl, Nashwauk, and Chisholm, where he is addressing a meeting of teachers today. On last Sunday he visited Carleton College, Northfield, where his daughter Frances is a senior.

## MARK TWAIN VOLUME IN LIBRARY

For those readers who receive from biography a peculiar pleasure to be had from no other sort of book, the Autobiography of Mark Twain, newly added to the library in a handsome two volume edition, will be a rare and radiant treat. The great humorist's autobiographical method is all his own; the book, published now posthumously, was dictated seventeen or eighteen years ago. It is voluble and follows no plan or method but that of the whim of the moment, but Mark Twain has written something of himself on every page. A running biography by his little daughter, Susy, is interspersed with inimitable comment of his own, and the whole work is as pure Mark Twain as Tom Sawyer, or Huck Finn.

## STUDENTS RESPOND TO APPEALS

The sum of \$20.62 was contributed to the Knute Nelson Memorial Fund by the members of the student body.

The interest of the college in the observance of Golden Rule Sunday and its response thru contributions from individuals, landladies, and the dormitory fund, proved most gratifying. If you have not already contributed it is not too late to do so. A check will be sent to the Near East Relief the middle of next week, and the full amount of the contribution will be announced in the next issue of The Bulletin.



## TRAINING SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

The training school was entertaining the following visitors last week: Miss Flora Trites, formerly an instructor in the Teachers College at Winona, and Miss Cornelia Benndorf of Vienna.

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The Junior High School played a fine game with Agassiz Friday evening, but were defeated by a score of 13 to 12. Even though the score was not in their favor the team won a moral victory, for they not only outplayed the Agassiz aggregation, but showed such splendid teamwork and fine spirit as are seldom seen anywhere. The following make up this year's team: Robert Probstfielt, center; Lowell Garrow and Victor Anderson, forwards; Gordon Grina and Sievert Bieldfelt, guards; Lester Bieldfelt and Overt Nelson, substitute forward and guard. Mr. Pugh and Mr. Ecklund are in charge of the training of the team. Let's boost them at their next game, which is scheduled for Friday on the gym floor.

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The Junior High School is not exempt from the radio craze which is sweeping the country. A Science Club has been organized which is under the direction of Mr. White and Mr. Lee. This group plans to devote two periods

and one evening a week to the study of this fascinating subject, using the Physics laboratory for their club rooms. The group invites all college men, who are afflicted with the same dread disease, to join them in their search for a cure.

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The Little Citizens Club in the Intermediate Grade Department elected the following officers for the winter term: President, Jack Bridges; vice-president, Mary Jane Costain; secretary, Irene Wiedemann.

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A fifth grade pupil, Frank Witherow, is the proud possessor of a letter from President Coolidge, which he read to his class. (Of course the letter came through the President's secretary.)

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Letters of Thanksgiving activities in the Intermediate Grades show a variety of winter sports enjoyed. One wrote the following about playing tag in his basement: "There was a post in my way and I hit it, Bang, and landed on the floor. There was no more tag that evening but there surely was a bump on my forehead and, sorry to say, there was no dent in the post." Another ended his story about skating with "I skated all afternoon and wanted to go back in the evening, but when I got home and tried to get up the steps my legs ached too much —I went to bed."

## WEDNESDAY CHAPEL

The assembly period on Wednesday was particularly interesting. Miss Frick, in behalf of the W. A. L., presented the awards won by members of the organization. The awards are given on the point system, for participation in athletics, walking, and so on; eligibility requirements are exactly the same as for the men. Marion Cook, the only girl to win over 700 points, received a sweater with three stripes; Helen Bergquist was awarded the coveted M, the monogram of the W. A. L.; and Elvina Hanson, Inez Johnson, and Gertrude Thompson were awarded stripes.

The second part of assembly period was given over to voting for the best song submitted in the contest for a new school song. Two songs were before the students for choice and decision in the balloting went to the song composed by Winifred Ulsaker, representing Pi Mu Phi. This organization will hold the cup awarded by the W. A. L. until the contest next year.

# Help Fill This Space

# Next Week